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In re the Application of: **TAJIMA, Kazuhiko et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 19, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.